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Shannon Hale is a New York Times best-selling author of over thirty children's and young adult books. *The Goose Girl* (an ALA Teens' Top Ten book), *Dangerous* (a science fiction novel) and *Princess Academy* (Newbery Honor winner) are her most famous novels. She was born in 1974 in Salt Lake City. She started writing fantasy books at age ten and never stopped, leading her to earn an MFA in Creative Writing from the University of Montana. Her first adult novel — *Austenland*, was adapted into a film in 2013.

Hale is the middle child of five children. She describes herself as "very sensitive," which she says helps empathize with her characters in writing. She is enjoyed writing, reading, and acting as a young girl and often loved making up scenes and performing them with friends. She became a member of the literary magazine staff of her junior high school. She also worked for the literary magazine of West High School, where she cultivated a passion for English and drama. Eventually drama became her favorite subject. Then, she took a creative writing class and participated in theater productions. Her writing skills, particularly in character creation and world-building was boosted with her theater experience. She met her spouse, Dean Hale, who was also involved in theater at West High School. They co-wrote a chapter book series: *The Princess in Black* and have four children.

She mainly wrote young adult and children's books before she started writing literary fiction, including short stories. She participated in stage and improvisational comedy, and worked as an instructional designer before becoming a full-time author.

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Princess in Black Series

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1. **The Princess in Black**
2. **The Princess in Black and the Perfect Princess Party**
3. **The Princess in Black and the Hungry Bunny Horde**
4. **The Princess in Black and Takes a Vacation**
5. **The Princess in Black and the Mysterious Playdate**
6. **The Princess in Black and the Science Fair Scare**

Who says princesses don't wear black? Not Princess Magnolia, whose monster-fighting alter ego saves the kingdom from monsters again and again in this funny, action-packed series. Princess Magnolia and Princess Sneezewort are best friends, who always have to fight different shape-shifting monsters who intrude on their plans.